EXHIBIT A

Nevada Specialty Minerals LLC Land Use Permit N-91841

May 14, 2013

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

(Continued from Form 2920)

- 1. The permittee shall conduct all activities associated with the operation, use, and termination of the land use permit (LUP) within the authorized limits of the LUP and shall maintain it in a safe, usable condition, as directed by the Authorized Officer. This Land Use Permit is for Zeolite bulk sampling, 10-15 tons, 100 feet long, 100 feet wide, and contains 0.23 acres.
- 2. No grading, blading, widening, deepening of new or existing roads and trails or cross-country vehicle travel shall occur until plans for such actions have been submitted and approved in writing by the Authorized Officer.
- 3. The permittee is responsible for informing all persons in the area who are associated with this project that they will be subject to prosecution for knowingly disturbing historic or archaeological sites or for collecting artifacts.
- 4. Pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(g), the permittee of this authorization must notify the Authorized Officer, by telephone, with written confirmation, immediately upon the discovery of human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony (as defined at 43 CFR 10.2). Further, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(c) and (d), the permittee must stop activities in the immediate vicinity of the discovery and protect it from all activities until notified to proceed by the Authorized Officer.
- 5. Any cultural (historic or prehistoric site or object) and/or paleontological resource or Native American human remains, funerary item, sacred object, or objects of cultural patrimony, discovered by the permittee, or any person working on their behalf, during the course of activities on public land, shall be immediately reported to the Authorized Officer by telephone, with written confirmation. The permittee shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery and protect it until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized Officer. An evaluation of the discovery will be made by the Authorized Officer to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant values. The permittee will be responsible for the cost of evaluation and any decision as to proper mitigation measures will be made by the Authorized Officer after consulting with the permittee.
- 6. Maintenance, other motorized equipment, and all truck vehicles (including pickup trucks) using the LUP shall have a fire extinguisher, shovel, and axe or Pulaski at all times when on federal land. All operating equipment shall be equipped with appropriate exhaust spark arresters.
- 7. The permittee or any participant may be held accountable for suppression of a wild land

fire determined to be directly cause by those associated with the authorized activity. Reimbursement shall be required from the permittee for Federal, State and /or private costs as a result of suppression and rehabilitation incurred as a result of fires caused by related activities. An escaped fire or an observed wild land fire ignition shall be reported immediately by calling 911, notifying Central Nevada Interagency Dispatch Center (CNIDC) and/or emergency response personnel.

CNIDC: (775) 623-3444

Pershing County Sheriff's Dispatch: (775) 623-3906

- 8. No future modifications, construction of improvements, expansion of originally approved structures and/or casings, construction of additional improvements, or major maintenance operations involving disturbance of the land shall occur until plans for such actions have been submitted and approved in writing by the Authorized Officer. Any proposals involving new surface disturbance outside of the authorized LUP area shall require a cultural inventory and may require completion of an environmental assessment. Failure of the permittee to comply with this requirement may result in a suspension of operations authorized by this LUP grant.
- 9. The permittee shall protect all survey monuments found within the LUP. Survey monuments include, but are not limited to: General Land Office (GLO) and BLM Cadastral Survey Corners, reference corners, witness points, U. S. Coastal and Geodetic bench marks and triangulation stations, military control monuments, and recognizable civil (both public and private) survey monuments. In the event of obliteration or disturbance of any of the above, the permittee shall immediately report the incident, in writing, to the Authorized Officer and the respective installing authority if known. Where GLO or BLM LUP monuments or references are obliterated during operations, the permittee shall secure the services of a registered land surveyor or a Bureau cadastral surveyor to restore the disturbed monuments and references using surveying procedures found in the Manual of Surveying Instructions for the Survey of the Public Lands in the United States, latest edition. The permittee shall record such survey in the appropriate county and send a copy to the Authorized Officer. If the Bureau cadastral surveyors or other federal surveyors are used to restore the disturbed survey monument(s), the permittee shall be responsible for the survey cost.
- 10. The permittee shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, county, and municipal laws and regulations, existing or hereafter enacted or promulgated, with regard to any hazardous material, as defined in this paragraph, that will be used, produced, transported, or stored on or within the permit or any of the permit facilities, or used in the construction, operation, maintenance, or termination of the permit or any of its facilities. "Hazardous material" means any substance, pollutant, or contaminant that is listed as hazardous under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq., and its regulations. The definition of hazardous substances under CERCLA includes any "hazardous waste" as defined in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) of 1976, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq., and its regulations. The term hazardous

materials also includes any nuclear or byproduct material as defined by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2011 et seq. The term does not include petroleum, including crude oil or any fraction thereof that is not otherwise specifically listed or designated as a hazardous substance under CERCLA section 101(14), 42 U.S.C. 9601(14), nor does the term include natural gas. The permittee is prohibited from discharging oil or other pollutants on federal land or into or upon waters on federal land. The permittee shall give immediate notice of any such discharge to the Authorized Officer and such other Federal and State officials as are required by law to the given such notice.

- 11. The permittee shall notify the Authorized Officer if there is a significant variance from the approved action with respect to the use, storage, or disposal of hazardous materials on this LUP.
- 12. Subleasing authority is not granted.
- 13. Selling the LUP is not authorized.
- 14. In the event that the public land underlying the LUP encompassed in this grant, or a portion thereof, is conveyed out of Federal ownership and administration of the LUP or the land underlying the LUP is not being reserved to the United States in the patent/deed and/or the LUP is not within a LUP corridor being reserved to the United States in the patent/deed, the United States waives any right it has to administer the permit, or portion thereof, within the conveyed land under Federal laws, statutes, and regulations, including the regulations at 43 CFR Part [2800][2880], including any rights to have the permittee apply to BLM for amendments, modifications, or assignments and for BLM to approve or recognize such amendments, modifications, or assignments. At the time of conveyance, the patentee/grantee, and their successors and assigns, shall succeed to the interests of the United States in all matters relating to the permit, or portion thereof, within the conveyed land and shall be subject to applicable State and local government laws, statutes, and ordinances. After conveyance, any disputes concerning compliance with the use and the terms and conditions of the LUP shall be considered a civil matter between the patentee/grantee and the LUP permittee.
- 15. The LUP shall be relinquished to the United States within 180 days if it is no longer needed for the use it was authorized to serve.
- 16. Prior to relinquishment or abandonment of any portion of the LUP authorized by this grant and future amendment(s), the permittee shall contact the Authorized Officer to arrange a joint inspection of the LUP. This inspection will be held to agree to an acceptable rehabilitation plan. This plan shall include, but is not limited to, removal of facilities, surface material, re-contouring, topsoiling, or seeding. The Authorized Officer must approve the plan in writing prior to the permittee's commencement of any termination activities. The permittee shall be responsible for the cost and implementation of the approved rehabilitation plan.

- 17. The permittee shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.) and the regulations of the Secretary of the Interior issued pursuant thereto.
- 18. If the permittee violates any of the terms and conditions of this grant, the Authorized Officer, after giving written notice, may declare the grant terminated. The Authorized Officer may consult with the permittee and, at the Authorized Officer's discretion, grant a period of time to cure the violation prior to declaring the grant terminated.
- 19. The effective date of this LUP grant is the date of execution by the Authorized Officer.
- 20. In order to avoid potential impacts to breeding migratory birds, a nest survey shall be conducted by a qualified biologist within potential breeding habitat prior to any surface disturbance proposed during the avian breeding season (March 1st through August 31st). Surveys must follow established BLM standards and protocols, and should be approved by the BLM biologist prior to being implemented. If active nests are located, the BLM biologist must be notified immediately and appropriate protection measures which may include avoidance or restriction of activities will be established. If no active nests are present in the area surveyed, implementation of the project should commence within 10 days or survey completion.